Schemes For Development of Natural/ Herbal System

2055. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any schemes to promote the natural or herbal system of medical treatment in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare established in 1978 Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy, New Delhi which *inter-alia* provides financial assistance to Voluntary yoga and Nature Cure Institutions for conducting research and training programmes in Yoga and Naturopathy.

National Institute of Naturopathy was established at Pune in 1986 with the object for promotion of Naturopathy.

Drugs of Herbal origin are used in Indian Systems of Medicine (Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani) and Homoeopathy. These systems are also being promoted by Government of India through several plan schemes for improvement in educational facilities and research in these systems and cultivation of scarce medicinal plants.

Manufacturing of Medicines in Injectable form

2056. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1951 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Regional Institute of Homoeopathy under Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has been using Homoeopathy Medicines manufactured by WELEDA in injectable form for the last several years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the drugs in injectable form were being supplied by a Delhi-based pharmacy; and

(c) the circumstances under which the medicines which are in violation of Drug Control Act, were allowed to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some medicines in injectable form were used for research in treatment of cancer in pursuance of the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, during the period 1984-85 to 1987-88.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The medicines were used for research and the use of these medicines has since been stopped.

Payment Of NPA To Homoeopathic Physicians

2057. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minster of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has granted Non-practising Allowance (NPA) to all Homoeopathic Physicians working in Delhi Administration Dispensaries and Hospitals;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) since when it is being paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration has granted Non-practising Allowance with effect from 1.1.1986 to all Homoeopathic Physicians working in Dispensaries and Hospitals except the demonstrators and Medical Officers working in the scale of Rs. 1640-2900 and Rs. 2000-3500 respectively in Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital. Assistant Medical officers working in dispensaries have been granted Non-practising Allowance as per the direction of Central Appellate Tribunal.